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Dear Charles:

Enclosed is a draft supplemental amendment in the above-identified application. As you know, the draft amendment is the result of several telephone interviews with the Examiner. The Examiner has expressed a very strong desire to have the supplemental amendment filed today, by facsimile, -- if at all possible.

The Examiner has taken the position that there is a patentable invention in this application, but that various limitations must be introduced into the broadest claim. The added limitations in amended claim 1 are those that we have previously discussed with you.

As explained in the remarks section of the draft amendment, claim 31 is to provide coverage of polyamines other than those listed in the application, while avoiding undue breadth.

Claim 2 is cancelled because its subject matter is incorporated into amended claim 1. Claims 16-30 are cancelled as non-elected claims following a restriction requirement.

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TO Charles E.B. Glenn, Esq.

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Claim 32 is added so that polyethyleneimino groups may be recited apart from the list in claim 4.

Please review the enclosed draft this afternoon and telephone us with your comments as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

Charles B. Smith
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